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Any document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding German application. A copy of the German Search Report is attached setting forth the portion of each document considered relevant by the examiner.

FR 2771343 cited in the German Search Report was previously submitted on December 29, 2005, and is not being submitted herewith.

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